

## WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An open-type disposable wearing article having a front waist region, a rear waist region and a crotch region extending between said waist regions, all being elastically stretchable, said front and rear waist regions being capable of connecting with each other in opposite lateral zones thereof; said open-type disposable wearing article further comprising:
  - 10 said wearing article having a first stretchable zone bifurcated at a transverse middle of said crotch region so as to extend to said opposite lateral zones of said front waist region, a second stretchable zone bifurcated at said transverse middle of said crotch region so as to extend to said opposite lateral zones of said rear waist region and third stretchable zones defined by zones other than said first and second stretchable zones, a stretch stress of said first and second stretchable zones being higher than a stretch stress of said third stretchable zones; and
    - 20 first engageable means used to connect said front and rear waist regions with each other being provided in said second stretchable zone in said opposite lateral zones of said rear waist region and first receiving means releasably engaged with said first engageable means being provided in said first

stretchable zone in said opposite lateral zones.

2.. The wearing article according to Claim 1, wherein said first stretchable zone and said second stretchable zone are 5 contiguous to each other at said transverse middle of said crotch region.

3. The wearing article according to Claim 1, wherein said first engageable means are first loop members attached to an 10 inner surface of said rear waist region in said opposite lateral zones thereof and said first receiving means are first hook members attached to an outer surface of said front waist region in said opposite lateral zones thereof.

15 4.. The wearing article according to Claim 1, wherein second engageable means used to connect said front and rear waist regions are provided in said third stretchable zones lying in said opposite lateral zones of said rear waist region and second receiving means releasably engaged with said second engageable 20 means are provided in said third stretchable zones lying in said opposite lateral zones of said front waist region.

5. The wearing article according to Claim 4, wherein said

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second engageable means are second hook members attached to said inner surface of said rear waist region in said opposite lateral zones thereof and said second receiving means are second loop members attached to said outer surface of said front waist region in said opposite lateral zones thereof.

6. The wearing article according to Claim 1, wherein said first stretchable zone lying in said opposite lateral zones of said front waist region and said second stretchable zone lying in said opposite lateral zones of said rear waist region are substantially connected with each other as said first engageable means are engaged with said first receiving means to put said wearing article on the wearer's body.

15 7. The wearing article according to Claim 1, wherein said wearing article is formed by an elastically stretchable fibrous nonwoven fabric having a basis weight thereof higher in said first and second stretchable zones than in said third stretchable zones.

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8. The wearing article according to Claim 1, wherein said first and second stretchable zones exhibit a stretch stress in a range of 0.25 - 30N when a width of said zones is 15mm and

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said zones are stretched by 15% and a stretch stress in a range of 0.6 - 50N when a width of said zones is 15mm and said zones are stretched by 40% and wherein said third stretchable zone exhibits a stretch stress in a range of 0.17 - 20N when a width 5 of said zone is 15mm and said zone is stretched by 15% and a stretch stress in a range of 0.4 - 33N when a width of said zone is 15mm and said zone is stretched by 40%.

9. The wearing article according to Claim 1, wherein said 10 wearing article used as a diaper cover adapted to be used together with an absorbent pad attached to a surface of said wearing article facing a wearer's body.